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## Weekend



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Capt. Richard Phillips is shown in a family photo.

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## Shiites Mark Baghdad Anniversary

**SIX YEARS LATER:** Supporters of anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr burn an effigy representing former President George W. Bush during a Shiite rally Thursday marking the six-year anniversary of the fall of Baghdad to U.S. forces. The protest took a different tone than in past years, as speakers referenced Barack Obama as U.S. president, a courtesy previously not shown to Bush.

## CDC: U.S. Food Still A Concern

New report finds number of illnesses stagnant or rising

**WASHINGTON** | The number of food-borne illnesses in the United States has remained stagnant over the last three years, and, in some cases, has been on the upswing, giving new urgency to efforts to reform the nation's food safety system, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in a study released Thursday.

Since 1996, the agency has been collecting data from 10 states on the number of people diagnosed with infections caused by eight bacteria and three parasites found in food. After registering drops in several of the illnesses until about 2004, they began rising again or have stayed constant. Those include illnesses those caused by salmonella, vibrio, E. coli O157, listeria and campylobacter.

Preliminary 2008 data shows that infection rates for five food-borne illnesses exceeded the CDC's national goals, with salmonella more than doubling the goal. The data did not include the ongoing outbreak of salmonella linked to peanut products that began in 2008 and peaked in early 2009, with nearly 700 people sickened and nine killed. LINDSAY LAYTON (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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# eyeopeners

**SAD**  
**Used Grease Finds,  
Loses New Friends**

Two men face larceny and trespassing charges after authorities say they tried to steal used restaurant grease. Police say Christopher Kind, 52, and Richard Tallent, 44, were arrested early Tuesday at a Westland, Mich., restaurant. An employee of a business that collects and recycles grease under contract with area restaurants had blocked the two with his truck. He told police 1,000 pounds of grease had been drained from a nearby eatery's grease tank. (AP)



**CONVO**  
**'Owwarghheee!'  
'Will That Be All?'**

A stop at a Rapid City, S.D., fast-food restaurant's drive-through on Tuesday led to a trip to the hospital after a man accidentally shot himself in the leg with a pistol. The 24-year-old man was apparently trying to clear the weapon when it went off and hit him in the calf. (AP)



**HOLIDAYS**  
**To Hell With This Handbasket**

A female lowland gorilla gives up on the whole opposable-thumbs approach to eating and dives headfirst into her Easter basket on Thursday at the Cincinnati Zoo. Snacks inside included hard-to-grasp peanuts, raisins, popcorn, sunflower seeds and granola. For further amusement, hard-boiled eggs were placed around the exhibit so the gorillas could hunt for them. (EXPRESS)



**LEGALESE**  
**Unwise Submodifier  
Use Opens Door  
To 'Mostly Innocent'**

A jury in Paducah, Ky., has found a man who scuffled with police not only guilty, but SUPER guilty. Police said they had to use martial arts, pepper spray and, eventually, batons to arrest Darrin Hicks. At the conclusion of Hicks' two-day trial, jurors convicted him of resisting arrest. The jury's report had the word "SUPER" in all capital letters, underlined, before the word "guilty." (AP)

**PROJECTILES**  
**Bowhunters  
Get All the Girls**

A Burnsville, Minn., man was charged with a felony after prosecutors alleged he tried to impress a woman by firing arrows at neighbors' homes with a powerful bow. Police found arrows in the siding of townhouses in the man's complex on Saturday. Another arrow shattered a patio door. (AP)

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## CIA: Secret Prisons Are Now Empty

Agency fires private security contractors that protected sites

WASHINGTON | CIA Director Leon Panetta has ended the agency's association with private contractors that provided security at secret



Panetta

overseas CIA prisons, according to a message he sent Thursday to agency employees.

The guards will be replaced by CIA officers, a move that will save up to \$4 million, he said. The secret prisons are now empty, Panetta said. The agency has taken no new prisoners since he became director in February, he said, and the agency is preparing to decommission the prisons permanently.

Still, Panetta wrote, the CIA retains the authority to hold and interrogate prisoners for short periods, and interrogators will be agency employees, not private contractors. (AP)

# Obama Seeks \$84B in War Funds

Total cost of wars in Afghanistan, Iraq is nearing \$1 trillion

WASHINGTON | President Barack Obama is seeking \$83.4 billion for U.S. military and diplomatic operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, pressing for special troop funding that he opposed two years ago when he was senator and George W. Bush was president.

Obama's request, including money to send thousands more troops to Afghanistan, would push the costs of the two wars to almost \$1 trillion since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, according to the Congressional Research Service. The additional money would cover operations into the fall.

Obama is also requesting \$400 million to upgrade security along the U.S.-Mexico border and to combat narcoterrorists.

Robert Gibbs, the White House press secretary, acknowledged that Obama has been critical of Bush's use of similar special legislation to pay for the wars. He said it



President Obama speaks to U.S. Marines and their families during an event at Camp Lejeune, in North Carolina, on Feb. 27.

## \$2.2B

The amount of money the supplemental bill would provide to the Pentagon to accelerate its plans to increase the size of the military.

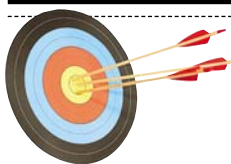
was needed this time because the money will be required by summer, before Congress is likely to

complete its normal appropriations process.

"This will be the last supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan. The process by which this has been funded over the course of the past many years, the president ... will change," Gibbs said.

According to the documents, obtained by The Associated Press,

the request would fund an average force level in Iraq of 140,000 U.S. troops. It would also finance Obama's initiative to boost troop levels in Afghanistan to more than 60,000 from the current 39,000. And it would provide \$2.2 billion to accelerate the Pentagon's plans to increase the overall size of the U.S. military. ANDREW TAYLOR (AP)



**ROMANCE Tired of Being Stallone** Police say a man in Burnsville, Minn., tried to impress a woman Saturday by firing arrows at his neighbors' homes with a powerful bow. Police found arrows lodged in the siding of townhomes in the man's housing complex. Another arrow went through a patio door, shattering the glass. The man's female friend allegedly told investigators that they had been drinking all night before the man grabbed his bow and walked onto the deck. She said she thought he wanted to "play Rambo." (AP)

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## FDA Reverses Decision to Ban Liquid Morphine

NEW YORK | A liquid morphine painkiller given by family caregivers to dying patients can remain on the market, federal regulators have decided.

The Food and Drug Administration last week said it was ordering manufacturers to stop making 14 medications, including liquid morphine. All were developed so long ago they had never received FDA approval.

But on Thursday, the FDA's Dr. Douglas Throckmorton said the morphine liquid will remain on the market until it's replaced by an approved version or some equivalent therapy.

One doctors group had told the FDA that the morphine ban would "cause extreme suffering for many patients who are nearing the end of life." (AP)

# Shriners Hospitals Mull Closures

### Charity running out of money to provide free care to children

GREENVILLE, S.C. | Shriners Hospitals, which have provided free care since before the Great Depression, are considering closing a quarter of their facilities as donations stagnate, costs increase and the charity's endowment shrivels.

The group's director says it's the only viable option.

Officials at the Florida-based organization say it is siphoning \$1 million a day from its endowment to balance the budget for 22 hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Meanwhile, they say, that fund has fallen to \$5 billion from \$8 billion in less than a year because of the sputtering stock market and a charitable giving slump that has hurt philanthropies



MARY ANN CHASTAIN/AP

Shriners Hospital in Greenville, S.C., above, is one of five facilities being considered for closure by the charity to offset stagnant donations and rising health care costs.

nationwide. The group will vote this summer on the closures.

"Unless we do something, the clock is ticking, and within five to

seven years we'll probably be out of the hospital business and not have any hospitals," said Ralph Semb, chief executive officer of Shriners

Hospitals for Children.

In cities where hospitals may close, supporters and hospital staff are scheduling fundraisers and posting online messages of support on social networking Web sites.

Widely known today for burn and orthopedic care for children, the Shriners Hospitals system opened in 1922 with a facility in Shreveport, La., that specialized in treating polio. By the 1960s, the group had hospitals nationwide and expanded its care to include spinal cord injury rehabilitation, cleft lip and palate care, and medical research.

More than 1 million children have been treated at the hospitals, which were created by the fraternal organization of the same name whose members are known for wearing red fezzes and driving miniature cars in parades. (AP)

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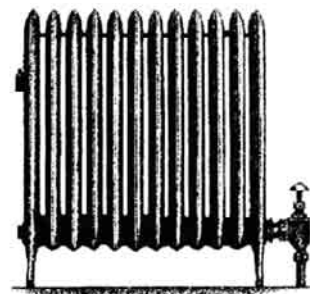
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# Warship Shadows Somali Pirates

**FBI, military attempt to free U.S. captain held off African coast**

**NAIROBI, KENYA** | Somali pirates and their hostage American sea captain were adrift in a lifeboat Thursday off the Horn of Africa, shadowed by a U.S. destroyer with more warships on the way in a U.S. show of force.

The U.S. brought in FBI hostage negotiators to work with the military in trying to free Capt. Richard Phillips of Underhill, Vt. An official said the bandits were in talks with the Navy about resolving the standoff peacefully.

As the drama stretched into a second day, the freighter that was the target of the pirates steamed away from the lifeboat under armed U.S. Navy guard, with all of its crew

**Wednesday's hijacking was the first such attack on American sailors in about 200 years.**

safe — except for the captain.

The pirates tried to hijack the U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama on Wednesday, but Phillips thwarted

their takeover by telling his crew of about 20 to lock themselves in a room, the crew told stateside relatives.

The crew later overpowered some of the pirates, but Phillips, 53, surrendered himself to the bandits to safeguard his crew, and at least four of them fled with him to a lifeboat, the relatives said. It was the first such attack on American sailors in about 200 years.

On Thursday, the Alabama began sailing toward Mombasa, Kenya, and was expected to arrive Saturday night, said Joseph Murphy, a professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy whose son, Shane Murphy, is second in command of the vessel. (AP)

## In Brief



An Indonesian dips a finger into ink after voting in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

### **JAKARTA, INDONESIA** **Indonesians Cast Ballots In Parliamentary Elections**

Indonesians voted Thursday on poster-sized ballots with a dizzying number of parties and parliamentary candidates, in a sign of how far the country's democracy has come since breaking from dictatorship a decade ago. The vote was being closely watched as a gauge of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's chances of winning a second five-year term. (AP)

### **ISFAHAN, IRAN** **Ahmadinejad: Iran Is Open To Dialogue With U.S.**

Iran's president said Thursday his country is open to talks with the U.S. and other countries over its nuclear program. But he insisted the talks must be based on respect for Iran's rights, suggesting the West should not try to force Tehran to stop uranium enrichment. Hard-liner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Iran would present a new proposal for negotiations, saying "Conditions have changed." (AP)

### **CARACAS, VENEZUELA** **Venezuela Credits U.S. For Large Drug Seizure**

Venezuela gave the U.S. Coast Guard credit on Thursday for cooperation in a large drug seizure — a break in squabbling over anti-narcotics efforts that comes ahead of a summit that leaders of both nations will attend. Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said in a statement the U.S. Coast Guard discovered 2,030 pounds of cocaine on a boat off Venezuela's Caribbean coast. (AP)

## **SPATE OF SEIZURES** | RECENT HIJACKINGS BY SOMALI PIRATES

**Sept. 2008** Pirates seize Ukrainian MV Faina off Somalia, holding it until Feb., when pirates reportedly receive \$3.2M in ransom.

**Nov. 2008** Pirates hijack Saudi super-tanker Sirius Star. Ship is freed in Jan. for \$3M.

**March 19** Pirates seize Greek-owned Titan ship with 24 crew off Somalia. It's still held.

**April 6** Pirates hijack U.K.-owned, Italian-operated Malaspina Castle in Gulf of Aden. It's still held.

# Britain's Anti-Terror Chief Quits

**LONDON** | Britain's top counter-terrorist police officer resigned Thursday after he was photographed carrying clearly visible secret documents about an operation against an alleged al-Qaeda plot by Pakistani nationals to launch an attack in Britain.

Assistant Commissioner Bob Quick's blunder forced police to scramble to round up the suspects sooner than planned. Twelve men were arrested late Wednesday in raids across northwest England.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the raids had disrupted "a very big terrorist plot." "We have been following it for some time," he said.

Greater Manchester Police Chief Constable Peter Fahy said police had not identified a threat to any particular target. But he said the raids were triggered because police thought public safety was at risk.

Police said 11 of the men arrested were Pakistanis, and the twelfth was British. NANCY ZUCKERBROD (AP)

## **HUNGARY** | EASTER ANTICS



**APRIL SHOWERS:** Youth of the Paloc minority, dressed in traditional ethnic clothing, pour buckets of water on girls as they rehearse a traditional Hungarian Easter celebration in Holloko, Hungary, northeast of Budapest, on Thursday.

# 2,000

**THE NUMBER OF** cats and dogs believed to have been left homeless by Monday's earthquake in central Italy. The national animal protection agency, ENPA, said Thursday 7 tons of feed was delivered to L'Aquila, Italy, for domestic and farm animals.



# Georgians Rally vs. Leader

## Thousands demand president resign over conflict with Russia

**TBILISI, GEORGIA** | Tens of thousands of protesters on Thursday demanded the resignation of Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili, in a rally rivaling the Rose Revolution protests that brought him to power five years ago.

The protesters, who massed outside parliament, charged that Saakashvili heedlessly led Georgia into a disastrous war with Russia and made an enemy of Moscow.

"You don't have the right to lead the country," said Levan



Georgian opposition supporters take part in a protest in Tbilisi on Thursday.

Gachechiladze, an opposition leader, addressing the crowds.

Thursday's rally was timed to coincide with Georgia's National

Day of Unity, which marks a 1989 anti-Soviet protest in which 20 protesters were killed as spade-wielding soldiers tried to disperse them.

The protest comes after similar rallies in two other former Soviet republics, Moldova and Ukraine, where opposition leaders also charge that democratically elected governments have failed to deliver on their promises of reform.

Saakashvili was re-elected last year and has vowed to serve out his term, which ends in 2013. Demonstrators vowed to stay on the streets until he steps down — echoing the tactics of Saakashvili, whose 2003 demonstrations forced out his predecessor. **MISHA DZHINDZHIKHASHVILI (AP)**

## N. Korea's Kim Is Back in Public Eye

**SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** | A visibly grayer and thinner Kim Jong Il proved Thursday he remains in charge of communist North Korea, presiding over parliament in a triumphant return to center stage after months out of the public eye following a reported stroke.

Limping slightly, Kim arrived at the hall housing the 687-seat Supreme People's Assembly to a standing ovation and praise for a weekend rocket launch heralded as "historic" at home though assailed in some nations as provocative.

A master at building drama, Kim fed the world's curiosity for months about his health after reports said he had a stroke and underwent brain surgery in August — though North Korea has denied



In an image made from video, North Korea's Kim Jong Il claps at parliament.

that he was ever ill.

Kim solemnly acknowledged his reappointment as chairman of the powerful National Defense Commission, which under North Korea's constitution makes him the nation's top leader. **HYUNG-JIN KIM (AP)**



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# Money



Wells Fargo said Thursday it expects to report record earnings for the first quarter, easily surpassing analysts' expectations.

## Bank Does the Improbable

Wells Fargo's record first-quarter profit of \$3B is its highest ever

NEW YORK | Are banks back?

No big bank was supposed to utter the words "record" and "profit" in the same sentence this year. But Wells Fargo said Thursday it earned about \$3 billion for the first quarter — its highest income ever, and twice what analysts predicted.

The unexpected peek into the bank's official results, which will be released in two weeks, was a welcome sign of improvement in one

of the most troubled and critical industries in the U.S. economy.

Money is cheap and mortgage applications are surging, thanks in large part to unprecedented efforts in Washington to breathe life back into the financial industry. The government has been pumping money into the financial system, slashing interest rates, and buying and guaranteeing more types of assets than ever before. As a result, cash poured into Wells Fargo & Co. and loans streamed out.

Other banks across the country are likely gaining, too, from near-zero borrowing costs and the resuscitation of the mort-

gage business. If more banks see a similar burst in business offset their loan losses, the panic over the fate of the banking industry could dissipate.

"The mind-set is: The banks cannot do well," said Richard Bove, banking analyst at Rochdale Securities. "But the banks are in a stronger position than anyone expected."

Most analysts are still predicting quarterly losses for banks such as Citigroup and Morgan Stanley.

"It's premature to conclude the economy has turned," said Wells Fargo CFO Howard Atkins.

MADLEN READ (AP)

### HEARSAY | ECONOMY

**"We can be reasonably confident that .... within the next few months we will no longer have that sense of a free fall."**

—LAWRENCE SUMMERS, DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, EXPRESSING OPTIMISM THAT THE STEEP ECONOMIC PLUNGE IS ENDING.

## Jobless Data Better Than Expected

WASHINGTON | New jobless claims fell more than expected last week but are stuck at elevated levels, while the number of people continuing to receive unemployment insurance approached 6 million, setting a record for the 10th-straight week.

The government data released Thursday bolster recent projections from the Federal Reserve and private economists that the

nation's job market will remain weak into next year.

The Labor Department said the tally of initial jobless claims fell to a seasonally adjusted 654,000, down from a revised 674,000 the previous week. Analysts expected claims to drop to 660,000.

But the total number of laid-off Americans receiving unemployment rose to 5.84 million, from 5.75 million. (AP)



# Iraq a Bright Spot for Car Industry

Country's residents are eager to replace their decrepit vehicles

BAGHDAD | Business, not bombs, is booming at Baghdad car dealerships, as well-heeled Iraqis are indulging in a passion long out of reach — spiffy new cars.

BMW's, Nissans, Hyundais and even military-style Hummers are now weaving around the shabby, smoke-belching wrecks and donkey carts that have clogged the streets over two decades of sanctions and war.

That may make Baghdad one of the few cities worldwide where



An Iraqi car dealer washes vehicles that are for sale at his business in Baghdad.

the auto industry is doing relatively well. With its limited banking system, Iraq has largely avoided the

global financial meltdown. And unlike elsewhere in the world, gas prices — about \$1.52 a gal-

**Baghdad may be one of the few places where the auto industry is doing fairly well.**

lon — aren't much of a deterrent to those Iraqis eager and able to catch up with the good life behind the wheel.

"Despite the high price, driving a new car gives me a great sense of happiness and comfort," said Muhannad Khazim as he cruised with friends in a Hyundai Elantra he'd bought two days earlier.

Showrooms are popping up in

safer neighborhoods across town to meet the rising demand. They are offering selections from sleek sports cars to four-wheel-drive behemoths, most imported from Amman, Jordan or Dubai.

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SAMEER N. YACOB (AP)

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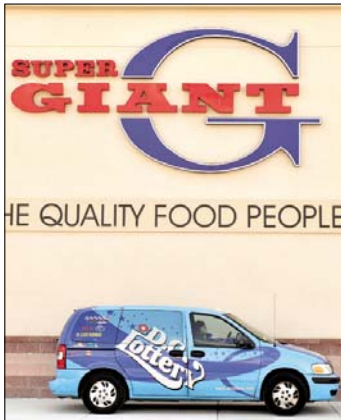
## Jackpot Ticket Sold in SE

Winner of \$144M  
prize has yet to claim  
it at Giant in Ward 8

The opening of a new Giant two years ago in Ward 8, after nearly a decade without a grocery store, was celebrated with bunches of balloons, violinists and politicians preening for cameras.

But on Thursday, the store on Alabama Avenue in Southeast was abuzz for another big event: Someone bought the only winning ticket for a \$144 million Powerball prize there.

A D.C. Lottery van was parked on the sidewalk in front of the Giant Thursday morning. About a dozen helium-filled balloons greeted shoppers just inside the



MARTIN JOSEPH/TWP

A D.C. Lottery van sits outside the grocery store where the ticket was sold.

grocery's automated doors.

The community has been abuzz over the news of the winning ticket, said store manager Mark Ortega.

"With these economic times,

we're really glad the winner is probably coming from this community," he said.

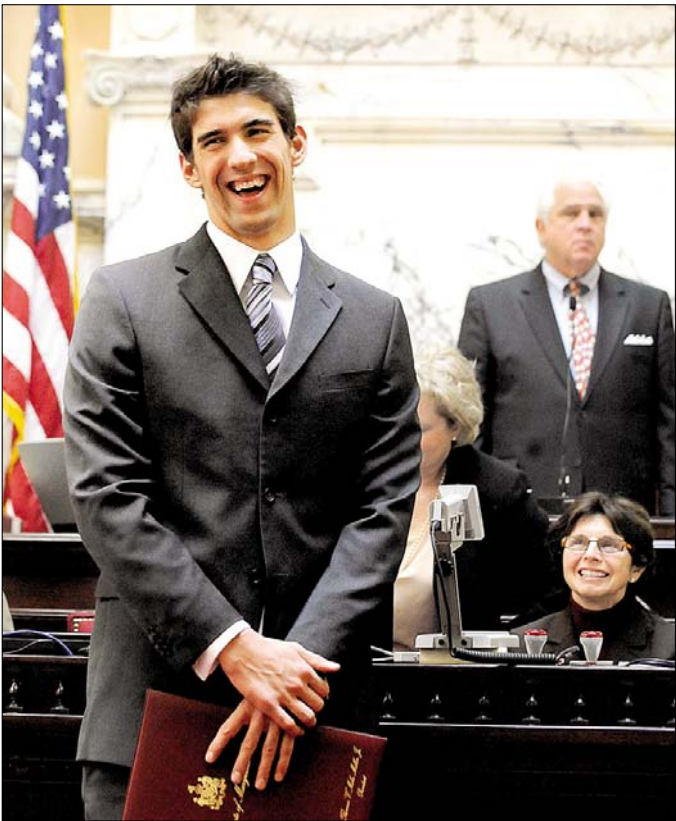
The winning ticket bears the numbers 1, 6, 48, 52, 56, and the Powerball is 9. Officials do not know the name of the winner, who has not come forward.

"The D.C. Lottery is very excited that the grand-prize Powerball jackpot ticket was sold in the District," Jeffrey "Jay" Young, executive director of the D.C. Lottery, said in a statement.

Powerball began in 1985 and is played in 29 states, the District and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The record jackpot was \$365 million, won by eight workers at a Nebraska meatpacking plant in February 2006. PETULA DVORAK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

### ANNAPOLIS, MD. | PHELPS ENDORSES PREAKNESS



MONICA LOPOSSAN/AP

**BIG BACKER:** Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps — in Annapolis, Md., to be honored for his eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics — took a lap around the General Assembly to endorse keeping the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore. The annual horse race is one of the biggest sporting events in Maryland.

## Radio Ads Reinforce DCPS Pride

WASHINGTON | D.C. Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee has launched an ad campaign to boost confidence in the public school system.

The "Rediscover DCPS" campaign includes a series of ads that have begun airing on radio stations in the Washington area.

Officials say the \$9,000 campaign is aimed at encouraging enrollment in a system that has dwindled from 80,000 students in the 1970s to 45,000 students this year.

The campaign also touts special education services at 11 schools.

The radio ads aired in March and will air again in May on WPGC 95.5 FM. (AP)



Rhee



## Local

# Ex-DPR Worker Sues D.C.

Man says he was fired for questioning Fenty kids' sports eligibility

A former D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation manager sued the city Wednesday for \$5 million, saying that he was improperly fired after questioning why Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's twin sons were playing in the wrong youth basketball league.

In papers filed in D.C. Superior Court, Michael Williams, who served as the agency's athletics director for about a year, said he was terminated Feb. 23. That was 10 days after he had told his boss, Parks and Recreation Director Clark E. Ray, that he had received complaints from parents that Fenty's



Fenty

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Recreation Center: \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of Fenty's son Andrew's basketball registration form reads, "Mayor's son."

sons were participating in the Pee Wee basketball division for 6- to 8-year-olds. The boys were to turn 9 in early March, which meant they were supposed to be in the Pony division for 9- and 10-year-olds, the lawsuit says.

Although Ray told Williams that he was being terminated for "budget reasons," the lawsuit says, Williams and his attorney John M. Clifford say that he was fired "in retaliation for having made disclo-

sures ... about Defendant Fenty's abuse of authority in connection with the administration of the DPR youth basketball league."

According to the lawsuit, when Williams asked Ray how to handle the situation, Ray told him that Fenty's sons would continue to play in the younger league. Paperwork for the boys lacked birth certificates and parent signatures, and read, "Mayor's son," the lawsuit says.

DAVID NAKAMURA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## D.C. to Probe Vehicle Donations

D.C. Council members Phil Mendelson, D-At Large, and Mary M. Cheh, D-Ward 3, have launched an official investigation into the saga of how and why a District fire truck and ambulance were donated to a small town in the Dominican Republic and then returned to D.C.

In a statement released Wednesday, the two members



Cheh



Mendelson

described the Fenty administration's decision to give away the

emergency equipment as an "evolving scandal" that now requires its third investigation in less than a month.

"The bizarre circumstances surrounding these events and the peculiar lack of candor on the part of the executive demand close scrutiny," Cheh said. "We are compelled to take this step."

TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## The Lotteries

Thursday, April 9

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.) **1-7-7**  
Mid-day DC 4 **2-8-0-1**  
Evening DC 4 (Wed.) **5-8-2-0**  
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.) **19-20-22-23-25**  
Daily 6 (Wed.) **2-7-8-18-20-34 (24)**  
Hot Lotto (Wed.) **1-2-19-20-37 (7)**

### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3 **2-1-4**  
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) **9-0-6**  
Mid-day Pick 4 **5-4-9-4**  
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) **9-6-3-8**  
Match 5 (Wed.) **5-7-29-30-31 (35)**  
Multi-Match (Wed.) **19-24-33-36-39-40**

### VIRGINIA

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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) **2-4-1**  
Mid-day Pick 4 **7-7-2-9**

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) **4-2-6-2**  
Mid-day Cash 5 **6-11-19-22-24**  
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) **6-9-12-22-28**  
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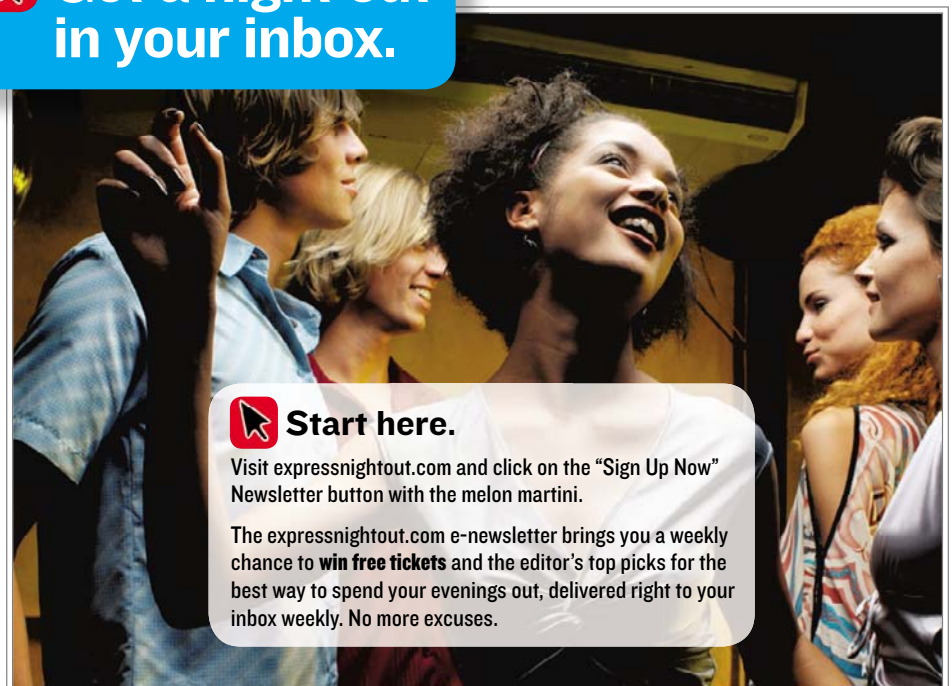
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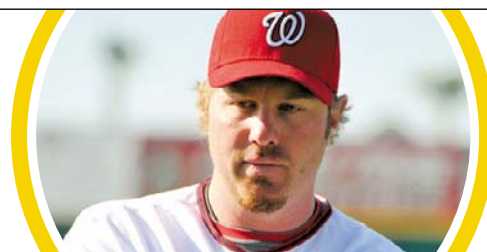
  
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# sports

Adam Dunn has already added some pop to the Nats' lineup this year | 21



## tv lineup



Evan Longoria and the Rays are in Baltimore for a three-game set this weekend.

## friday

**4 P.M.** Will Greg Norman make the cut and become a story to follow this weekend at the Masters? Round 2 is on Friday. ESPN

**7 P.M.** Evan Longoria and the Tampa Bay Rays start a series against the Orioles. MASN2

**7:30 P.M.** The Nationals head to Atlanta in search of their first win of the year. MASN

**8 P.M.** The Wizards visit the Toronto Raptors. CSN

## saturday

**4 P.M.** Virginia's men's lacrosse team tries to stay undefeated against Duke. ESPN2

**7 P.M.** The men's college hockey champ will be crowned in D.C. ESPN

**7 P.M.** The Capitals close out their regular season against the Florida Panthers. CSN

## sunday

**1:30 P.M.** The Nationals wrap up their series against the Braves before heading home. MASN

**1:30 P.M.** How will the Orioles measure up to the Rays after a three-game set early in the season? MASN2

**2 P.M.** Tiger Woods will be wearing red in the final round of the Masters. CBS

**3:30 P.M.** The Cleveland Cavaliers host the Boston Celtics in a warm-up for the NBA playoffs. ABC

# Love to Hate Tiger?

For the small portion of the population looking for Tiger Woods to lose at the Masters, here are a few good reasons to dislike him:

## 1 HE'S NOT FAN-FRIENDLY

Sure, everyone loves Tiger, but why? He doesn't give autographs, stares straight ahead when walking through crowds and offers little more than an occasional tip of the hat to acknowledge the throngs following him around the course. Not to mention he curses so loudly after hitting a bad shot that parents have to cover their children's ears.

## 2 HIS CADDIE IS A PAIN

**STEVIE WILLIAMS, BELOW,** makes more than a million dollars a year to carry Woods' bag and hand him his clubs. He also comes in handy driving him to the course, and, occasionally, will help Woods read a putt. But, eventually, he became Woods' enforcer on and off the course. His antics include snatching cameras from offending fans and calling Phil Mickelson names, both of which probably earned him a bonus check from his boss.



## THURSDAY'S RESULTS

With near-perfect weather conditions, the first round of the Masters saw low scores:

- Chad Campbell challenged the scoring record before finishing atop the leaderboard at 7-under-par.
- Jim Furyk and Hunter Mahan were one shot behind Campbell.
- Tiger Woods was lurking at 3-under-par through 17 holes.



For the 99 percent of the world that will be rooting for Woods, only one reason is necessary: because he is Tiger Woods.

## 3 HE'S TOO PERFECT

Swedish model wife, check. Two cute kids, check. Florida mansion and private jet, check. At a time most of America is struggling, couldn't Woods throw us a bone and show us he shares our pain by blowing a four-shot lead on the back nine Sunday to lose the Masters?

## 4 HE SCARES PEOPLE

Well, not regular people, but his fellow players. Woods is revered, no — make that feared — by the people he plays against, which is the main reason not even **MICK-ELSON, RIGHT,** has stepped up his game enough to give him a true rival. What else would you expect from someone who's won four Masters already?



## 5 YOUTH NEEDS TO BE SERVED

Woods is now 33, a fact that drew a rueful smile from him at his Tuesday press conference. Teenagers Rory McIlroy, Danny Lee and **RYO ISHIKAWA, RIGHT,** are in this Masters, and there will come a time that golf needs players like them as much as it needs Woods. There's nothing wrong with that time beginning this week at Augusta National.



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**CAPITALS Frozen Fenway** Can't get enough of that fierce Washington Capitals-Boston Bruins rivalry? OK, so maybe there isn't much of a rivalry between the two squads, who happen to hold second and first place, respectively, in the Eastern Conference this season. But the NHL is still considering featuring Alex Ovechkin and the Caps in next year's Winter Classic outdoor extravaganza, which will take place at Fenway Park on Jan. 1. Also in the running to face the Bruins at Fenway, according to Boston.com, are the Philadelphia Flyers. (EXPRESS)



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# Real Season Nears

## Analysis: Capitals' success doesn't mean much for the playoffs

**CAPITALS** | Chances are, by the time you pick up this newspaper, the Washington Capitals will have clinched the No. 2 seed for the Eastern Conference playoffs beginning next Wednesday. Having already taken the Southeast Division title, the Caps needed just a victory over Tampa Bay or a New Jersey loss to Ottawa Thursday night to seal their fate.



But as the team approaches historic territory (a win Thursday would set a franchise-record with 108 points) heading into their season finale against the Florida Panthers Saturday, it's time we think how much this magical run through the regular season really means.

On one hand, that coveted No. 2 position likely means no Pittsburgh in the first round — as in the Caps' perennial nemesis from a decade ago, which is sitting comfortably in the No. 6 spot.

Go ahead: Say things are different now that D.C. has Alex Ovech-



GREGORY SMITH/AP

The Capitals were on the verge of a franchise record number of points for the season entering Thursday's game. The team's regular season ends on Saturday night.

## In reality, making it past the first round is never a given in the NHL playoffs.

kin, Mike Green and a burgeoning hockey craze. But the Caps would be lucky to stay away from all that nasty Steel City karma (the Mario Lemieux-led Pens eliminated the Caps from the playoffs five times between 1991 and 2000) at all costs.

In reality, though, making it

past the first round is never a given in the NHL playoffs.

In fact, 2008 was the first in six years that top-two teams from both conferences met in the Stanley Cup Finals. In the previous five seasons, a No. 8 seed (Edmonton, 2006), No. 7 seed (Anaheim, 2003) and No. 6 seed (Calgary, 2004) made the finals.

Ovechkin and crew should be wary. If history tells us anything, it's that the regular season merely sets the stage for what should be an unpredictable postseason.

MARK GIANNOTTO

## In Brief

### WNBA Mystics Draft Coleman

The Washington Mystics didn't have to look far from home when making former University of Maryland star Marissa Coleman the No. 2 pick in Thursday's WNBA draft. The 6-foot-1 forward averaged 18.1 points and 8.6 rebounds while helping the Terrapins reach the NCAA Elite 8. Maryland teammate Kristi Toliver was selected



BILL KOSTRUP/AP

Marissa Coleman, right, holds up a Mystics jersey after being drafted.

next by Chicago. Atlanta drafted Louisville's Angel McCoughtry No. 1. (EXPRESS/AP)

### ORIOLES Yankees Finally Get a Win

The New York Yankees finally got their first win, using standout performances by newcomers A.J. Burnett, Nick Swisher and Mark Teixeira to beat the Baltimore Orioles 11-2 Thursday. Burnett allowed two runs in 5 1/3 innings, Swisher went 3-for-5 with a homer and a career-high tying five RBI, and Teixeira had two hits and a home run. (AP)

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# Pitcher Killed in Car Crash

## Angels rookie from Md. dies hours after making season debut

ANAHEIM, CALIF. | Los Angeles Angels pitcher Nick Adenhardt and two other people were killed Thursday by a suspected drunken driver hours after the rookie pitched six scoreless innings in his season debut, police said.

The Angels postponed Thursday night's game with Oakland and the team planned to gather, Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "It is a tragedy that will never be forgotten," he said.

Adenhardt, 22, of Hagerstown,



Nick Adenhardt throws a pitch in Wednesday's game. He died hours later.

Md., was a passenger in a silver Mitsubishi Eclipse that was broadsided in an intersection about 12:30 a.m. by a minivan that apparently ran a

red light, police said. The impact spun around both vehicles, and one then struck another car but that driver was not hurt, police said.

The driver fled the crash scene on foot and was captured a half-hour later. Police identified him as Andrew Thomas Gallo, 22, of Riverside, and said he had a suspended license because of a previous drunken driving conviction.

Preliminary results indicated Gallo's blood-alcohol level was above the legal limit, police Lt. Kevin Hamilton said at the news conference. He could face charges including vehicular manslaughter or possibly murder, Hamilton said.

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# Nationals Order Well Dunn

## Addition of slugger gives protection to Washington's hitters

**NATIONALS** | Meet Adam Dunn, stereotypical big-league slugger.

The guy is huge — 6-foot-6 and 275 pounds. And as the saying goes, he hits big and he misses big. Dunn has had 40 or more home runs in each of the last five seasons. He hits bombs.

However, in every season of his major-league career, he's also averaged more than a strikeout per game. His career batting average is just .247. Then again, he also

**“A guy like him, he understands and he knows that he's better than a .240 hitter.”**

—MANNY ACTA, NATIONALS MANAGER

draws a lot of walks, and his career on-base percentage is .381.

The mix of good and bad on the back of his baseball card is the reason that he didn't draw the attention or money he anticipated when he became a free agent this off-season. He settled on a two-year, \$20 million deal with the Washington Nationals.

“Obviously, he's a big bat that hits in the middle of the lineup,”



Adam Dunn waits in the on-deck circle while Ryan Zimmerman hits. Dunn's presence should give the Nationals some power.

third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said. “He gives our lineup a lot more depth right now.”

Zimmerman tied with Lastings Milledge for the team lead in home runs last season — with 14. Dunn had that many by the end of May. On Monday, his sixth-inning homer off of Ricky Nolasco provided one of the few highlights in a brutal opening-day loss to the Marlins, who swept the three-game series.

Dunn gives the lineup more than depth. He gives it respectability and a power threat that has been absent since Alfonso Soria-

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no's one season with the club. And Soriano was typically batting lead-off. Dunn will be entrenched in the cleanup spot, and the club is optimistic that he will make life easier on No. 3 hitter Zimmerman and No. 5 hitter Nick Johnson.

Anything is a welcome help for a club that in 2008 finished 28th in baseball in home runs and 26th in batting average.

Acta understands that Dunn is a mixed bag. But he sees the possibility for the big guy to maximize his skills by maximizing his batting average. “A guy like him, he understands and he knows that he's better than a .240 hitter,” Manager Manny Acta said. “When you're a guy like him that has that power, those strikeouts are going to be there. ... You have to take the good with the bad.” DEREK TURNER

## Phillies Fans Can Help Nats

**YOU DON'T NEED** to be from Iowa to know the great voice in the sky lied to Kevin Costner.

Washington built a stadium, but nobody came.

In what should have been the apex of interest in the Nationals last year, the team fell off the map. Not only was the beautiful Nationals Park half-empty most nights, but television and radio ratings were almost nonexistent.

With Washington on pace for an O-162 year, team President Stan Kasten sounded like a pragmatist this week when inviting Phil-

**Maybe [Kasten's] tact was off, but his tactics should be familiar to D.C. sports fans.**

lies fans to the nation's capital for the season's first home stand next week. It struck a nerve among some, who, understandably, bitterly hate Philadelphia fans.

Remember this, though: Kasten was doing his job. He needs to fill the seats for a terrible team.

Maybe his tact was off, but his tactics should be familiar to D.C. sports fans. Remember when the Bullets marketed to the other team to draw fans to the Capital Centre?

If Nationals fans don't want next week's games to be dominated by Phillies fans' cheers, then they should buy seats now. Otherwise, they should sit back and watch Philadelphians help fuel Washington's rebuilding project. More fans means more cash going into the stadium, and, in turn, could help the Nats afford a young ace.

### DISCUSSIONS

## BOZ ON NATS

**Can I suggest we alleviate the logjam among the outfielders by trading Thrilledge? Lastings seems out of place batting first and makes everyone hold their breath when a ball is hit to center (we do that already in left, and don't need two of those!).** If the Nats are confident that they

know who Dukes is and think his major problems are behind him, then trading Milledge, who has value, is viable. However, it's a bad idea to trade a young player who has obvious talent and had a decent year in '08 at a time when he's struggling.

**What's up with that new multi-armed statue in front of Nationals Park? Are the Nats trying to curry favor with Vishnu? It can't hurt, right?** I'm cool with these statues. They're

**I'm cool with these statues. They're a bit modern or at least “dynamic.”**

a bit modern or at least “dynamic.”

**Let's just say for a second that Stan Kasten's comments do result in a huge upsurge in Phillies fans. What are the chances those bonus dollars will be used to bring in a legitimate ace pitcher?**

Somewhere, Stan is cheering your perspective. I just don't think you should go on the radio in Philly and get down on one knee in hopes of drawing the last 132 people in Philly who hadn't made up their minds on whether to come down to D.C. next Monday. Seems like a high price in civic dignity to pay for an extra 17 tickets.



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# United's Pontius Finds His Footing Quickly

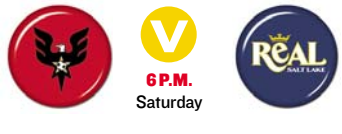
Rookie is making a name for himself with aggressive style

**UNITED** | Chris Pontius' MLS debut was one to remember. Playing in front of dozens of family members and friends in Los Angeles, the Orange County native got the start and embarrassed the Galaxy defense with a curling, long-range shot that was nominated for MLS' "goal of the week" award.

While he's yet to reappear on the score sheet, the first-round pick has continued to impress for a D.C. United team that began the season beset with injuries. Pontius, who won an NCAA title with UC-Santa Barbara in 2006, has played every minute of United's 1-0-2 season and has demonstrated unusual composure and initiative for a rookie.

He attacks with confidence, routinely taking on defenders and leading United in shots with 10.

Initially placeholders until Fred and Santino Quaranta returned to the lineup, Pontius and fellow



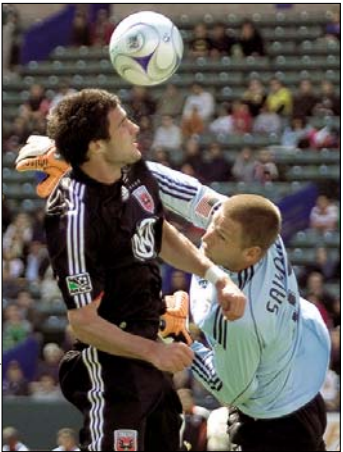
first-round pick Rodney Wallace now won't be so easy to replace. "Obviously, injuries have put me on the field in the first couple of games, and I want to stay on

the field," he said.

United will make its debut at 1-1-0 Real Salt Lake's Rio Tinto Stadium on Saturday. It has not won in Utah since 2005 but is off to a better-than-expected start this year, thanks in part to the play of Pontius and several other young players.

"We got to do what got us here," Pontius said. "What got us drafted in the first round was not playing safe every single time."

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Chris Pontius got the start against Los Angeles and hasn't left the field since.

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Lizzy Caplan

'PARTY DOWN' STAR, FORMER 'MEAN GIRL'

**You've seen** Lizzy Caplan, even if you don't recognize her right away. The actress has played a string of memorable characters, including Goth outsider Janice in "Mean Girls." Her latest role is struggling comedian Casey in the Starz show "Party Down" (Fri., 10:30 p.m.), a new comedy from "Veronica Mars" creator Rob Thomas about aspiring L.A. actors working as caterers. She shares on-set tales of slinging appetizers and sound bites.

**"Party Down" is hilarious. Is it as fun to work on as it is to watch?**

Absolutely. I think you can often tell what a good time people were having while shooting. All the people involved are genuinely funny, and there's a healthy competition on who can be the funniest.

**Does that mean there was a lot of ad-libbing and trying to make each**

**other laugh during filming?**

We get a whole script for every episode, but we're totally allowed to go off the book and change things. We have a lot of footage that will probably never be seen of people saying just ridiculous stuff. I hope all that makes it onto the DVD.

**The result is totally amusing.**

The inspiration for it was actually the British version of "The Office," and I think you can definitely see similar themes.

**Your character develops into a bit of a romantic lead after having a fling with her co-caterer Henry.**

Normally on a TV show, you'd see this slow buildup of romantic characters. And then the question would be: Do they get together? Do they not get together? We've flipped that on its head because we get down to business right away.

**It's the anti-sitcom treatment.**

Television couples have a tendency to be really brave, and one person puts themselves out there in this really dramatic way. I just don't think that's how it happens in real life. We tried to make sure that none of the moments are overly precious, cutesy or adorable.

**"In L.A., everyone working in restaurants is an actor or writer. You spend a lot of time with funny people."**

**You're playing the pretty girl. Is that a role that's new for you?**

It's funny that you think that. I still feel frumpy on "Party Down," and I think that was kind of on purpose. None of us look very glamorous. Over the past few years, I've been playing more love interest-y roles, so I'm getting used to it.

**Are you a girlie-girl in real life?**

Not at all. If I have an event, I'll go to a fashion-forward friend's house and borrow her stuff.

**Did you waitress yourself when you were starting off as an actress?**

I was a busboy at a couple different restaurants — I never even made it to waitress status. In L.A., it's true that everyone working in restaurants is an actor or writer. You spend a lot of time with funny and talented people who are waiting for their big break. I love that this show explores that.

**I heard you live next door to Audrina Patridge from "The Hills."**

I can actually see them setting up to film at her house right now. I wish I had more scoop to tell you. I'm kind of obsessed with that show. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

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## 4 In With a Bang

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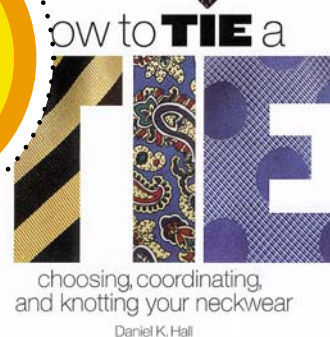


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**CHEAP-CHIC FOOTWEAR DEN SHOEFLY**, a longtime destination for flat and heel hounds in Clarendon and on U Street, has headed to northern territory. A new, azure-walled boutique in downtown Bethesda (4731 Elm St.; 301-656-7463) trots out the same well-priced, funky girls' and guys' shoes and accessories found at the other two branches. Think Michael Antonio's stop sign-red heels (shown, \$48) or Naughty Monkey's slouchy cotton canvas spring boots (\$99) for her, plus loads of Havaianas for him.



## Grab Bag



## 5 Afraid to Ascot?

**TREND WATCHERS SAY** when the economy goes down, people dress up more. For a guy who wore Chucks and a Mastodon T-shirt to his last job interview, that might mean learning to — gulp — put on an old-school cravat. Daniel K. Hall's "How to Tie a Tie: Choosing, Coordinating and Knotting Your Neckwear" (\$13, Sterling) gives tips on techniques from basic (the Windsor) to "Gossip Girl" natty (the dimpled Prince Albert). A short history of ties reveals tidbits such as why ancient Chinese soldiers sported neck scarves to fight chills and that 18th-century British dandies liked their ascots lacy and racy.

## A Spread Of the Med



**CITRUS FRUITS**, olives and fennel strut their stuff on dinner tables in Tuscany and Provence. But though the dollar-euro exchange rate is a tad more favorable lately, for most of us, a spring trip to Orange, Va., sounds more likely than a weekend in Orange, France. Gracious Gourmet's Fennel Blood Orange Tapenade (\$9, Hill's Kitchen, 713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997) tastes like the Mediterranean but costs far less than a plane ticket. The onion-y stuff works both as a pal for crackers, or, when mixed with vinegar, a springy salad dressing

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**I have a small personal ritual. Every year since I graduated from college and found my first job, I have bought a new pair of shoes on the day after Easter. This year, however, I am worried about the economy. Can you suggest something that is not too costly and yet also super-fantastic?** — PAULA

■ Manolo says, this is the sort of personal ritual the Manolo can fully support. Indeed, the Manolo would suggest expanding it, by purchasing new shoes after all of the major holidays, such as Christmas, and Thanksgiving, and Arbor Day, and Flag Day, and



Groundhog Day, to name a few of the many dozens of dates available for personal reaffirmation.

Although, if you must limit yourself to the single holiday, Easter is especially well-suited, marking as it does the season of rebirth and the triumph of hope and colorful summery sandals. Here is the Lulu patent leather croc sandals from Lauren by Ralph Lauren (\$79, Zappos.com). The Manolo is partial to "Baltic Blue," although the "Tangerine" is also suitably vernal and quite fetching.



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# Material Worlds

Central Asian textiles called ikats and suzanis bring vintage Silk Road style to modern homes

It's a quandary for the global age: How does a citizen of the world translate a jet-setting lifestyle into designer digs without seeming as pretentious as, er, the term "jet-setting"? A decidedly 2009 approach might mean accenting your pad with ikats and suzanis — Central Asia's feisty alternatives to tired toile and lame leopard prints.

You'll recognize suzanis by the graphic flowers and curvy vines embroidered onto rectangular cotton and silk textiles, while the tribal patterns of ikats stem from a sophisticated style of tie-dye (yarns are colored first, then carefully woven into preset geometric patterns). "The bright colors and playfulness of these textiles make people happy," says Mia Backman Worrell, co-owner of Timothy Paul Bedding + Home (15291 14th St. NW; 202-234-2020).

These trademark whimsical patterns are splashed everywhere right now — covers of glossies, stylish boutiques — both as the real, often antique thing and in mass market, often mod incarnations (funky shower curtains, shapely ottomans).

But lest you dismiss these polychrome prints and embroideries as a fad, consider their rich heritages. Rooted in 19th-century folk art in what is now Uzbekistan, suzanis were once the centerpiece of a woman's dowry, striking testaments to




↑ At Logan Circle boutique Timothy Paul Bedding + Home, a bedspread and pillow made from vintage ikats make stylish bedfellows with modern pillow shams.



Vintage ikats and suzanis (from \$150 each, on Chinese stool, \$398) from Timothy Paul Bedding + Home can be made into pillows or hangings. →

↑ An oversized, ikat-inspired print stars on a simple throw pillow (\$40, Crateandbarrel.com) that could weave its way into a traditional room.



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← Jot down plans for an exotic trip — or just a curry dinner — in a colorful, ikat-covered calendar (\$80, [CursiveNewYork.com](http://CursiveNewYork.com)).

→ A trad ikat goes rad, and slightly mid-century mod, on West Elm's clean-line chair (\$429, [Westelm.com](http://Westelm.com)). Dress it up with a solid pillow.



↓ Ceramic bowls (\$13 each, [Anthropologie.com](http://Anthropologie.com)) decked with ikat patterns seem ideal for dishing up Afghan or Indian takeout.



↑ Suzani-style embroidery graces a throw pillow (\$25, World Market stores) in decidedly new millennium hues.



discovery, a new global community of collectors clamored for a revival of these crafts.

But according to Textile Museum curator Sumru Belger Krody, the textiles were catapulted to universal lust level by the power of the catwalk — specifically, belted ikat jackets and flouncy skirts from Oscar de la Renta's spring 2005 collection. And from runway to table runner, the patterns have slowly but surely spread ever since.

Modern interpretations of suzanis incorporate a wider blend of colors, Krody explains. "Some newer productions tend to have softer, more pastel tones than the 19th-century examples." Likewise, modern ikats are usually larger, blockier and crisper.

Perhaps the biggest evolution lies

that add spontaneity not evident in factory-made versions.

But plenty of flawless, carefully organized versions can also be found at home decor chains, which adapt the age-old patterns to contemporary aesthetics. Reimagined ikats show up on agendas (\$80, [CursiveNewYork.com](http://CursiveNewYork.com)), accent pillows (\$40, [CrateandBarrel.com](http://CrateandBarrel.com)) and hand towels (\$6, [Westelm.com](http://Westelm.com)). West Elm's ikat slipper chair (\$349) still typifies the clean, bold look you'd expect, while Pottery Barn's suzani duvet covers (\$109-\$139) and Anthropologie's suzani-stamped dessert plates (\$12, [Anthropologie.com](http://Anthropologie.com)) tend toward cutesy and folksy. Or for a glam take on both styles, try spendy pillows by New York designer Madeline Weinrib (\$450 and up, [Madelineweinrib.com](http://Madelineweinrib.com)).

**"If you're going to use a strong, patterned rug, go with more texture on your seating arrangement."**

in the function of the craft. Certainly, authentic ikats and suzanis — mostly hand-woven wall hangings, rugs and bed canopies — are still created in Uzbekistan and hawked in Central Asian caravan markets. You can find a dazzling array of those vintage and contemporary pieces at Timothy Paul Bedding + Home, where each piece is hand-plucked from trusted traders in Istanbul. Some have been transformed into table runners, throws or duvet covers. Prices range from about \$150 for pillowcases to \$1,200 for bedspreads.

You can also browse for contemporary pillows, bed coverings and wall hangings (\$90-\$2,400) at the Textile Museum's (2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441) shop, after, of course, checking out the real 19th-century suzanis in the collection.

Look closely, and you'll spot color changes and not-quite-finished swatches. Much like the giddy charm of a lovable mutt's crooked tail, there's something downright endearing about the inconsistencies and unbalanced designs — quirks

Want to incorporate such ethnic elements into a space without making your home resemble a camel trader's den? First, determine whether you want the fabrics to be the center of attention or just accents, suggests Chevy Chase-based interior designer and art consultant Judy Weisman. "You can only have so many focal points," she says. "Otherwise, the various elements will fight each other. If you're going to use a strong, patterned rug, go with more texture on your seating." Other times, textiles pull the room together in a subtler way.

"Start off small: pillows or a throw over the back of a sofa," advises Backman Worrell. She particularly likes the splashy contrast of suzanis and ikats against the well-defined lines of mid-century modern furniture. "The design and aesthetic fits very well with our 21st-century sensibilities," Krody adds. "They have engaging designs; the colors are very beautiful. And there's no symbolism that will offend anyone." KATIE KNOROVSKY

her embroidery prowess. Likewise, ikats date back at least that far, with shared roots in a passport full of other countries, too, from Argentina to Syria.

Chalk up the existential passage from village looms to West Elm catalogs as an unexpected by-product of the post-Soviet era. Indeed, slinking under the Iron Curtain was a trove of gorgeous textiles — in particular, hand-embroidered ikats and suzanis. And with that



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The 'In' Clicks

We'd never give up online shopping, but hitting the same old sites — we're looking at you, Bluefly.com, Shopbop.com and Chickdowntown.com — can feel stale after mousing over the same Marc Jacobs skirt for the 75th time. Try these under-the-radar Web shops for a fresh dose of e-tail fashion. **BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)**

LORISSHOES.COM

With the biggest shoe sites hawking page after exhaustive page of options — hello, Zappos! — Lori's main appeal is its nicely edited selection of footwear and accessories. The roster of finds from chic yet affordable indie brands such as Dolce Vita, Jeffrey Campbell and Biviel (shown, \$140) feels as though the grunt work of slogging through thousands of options has already been done for you — and only the very cutest results remain.



SHOPSTYLE.COM

It's not an e-tailer, but we can't remember how we shopped before this fashion-focused search engine came along. Simply type in what you're looking for — "Phillip Lim skirt" or "ruffled dress," for example — and watch the matching results pop up from cool stores such as Lagarconne.com or Pinkmascara.com. A section for home items (Living.shop-style.com) makes it easy to browse for specific decor items such as graphic pillows or mod dining chairs.

BLUEBEE.COM

There's a great mix of both men's and women's clothing and accessories on this new Web site from the popular Santa Monica, Calif., boutique of the same name. On the women's side, we heart the distinctive drop earrings and stacked rings from Gorjana (\$60-\$210), and breezy jersey dresses from Bailey 44 and Rachel Pally. For men, we're into the John Varvatos shoes (\$95-\$450) and Modern Amusement shirts and tees (\$50-\$115).



TOPSHOP.COM

The cheap-chic Brit retailer finally opened its first U.S. outpost in Manhattan last week. But those of us not willing to take the Bolt Bus to the Soho store regularly get our fix with the online shop, which recently started shipping to U.S. stylists for a \$15 charge. Our favorite sections: jewelry (for statement necklaces) and shoes (for fashion-forward heels such as the Sakina modified Mary Janes, shown, \$135).



FORWARD  
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This edgy new site — from the team behind popular e-boutique Revolveclothing.com — focuses on up-and-coming designers and fashion-forward collections from around the world. We raid it for special splurges on downtown-cool lines such as Be&D (Garbo Port bag, shown, \$995), Yigal Azrouel and Alexander Wang — and to keep on top of the newest names to know in fashion.

GARGYLE.COM

We're always happy to find a shop that stocks those cutting-edge brands that are near-impossible to find in D.C. Like a well-dressed pal's closet, this carefully curated e-boutique bursts with such finds, including colorful heels from funky Brit brand Eley Kishimoto, sweet dresses by "Gossip Girl" staple Lorick and chunky-cool bracelets from N.Y.C. label Giles & Brother (shown, \$112.50).



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# Just a Small-Town Star

## Miley gets in touch with her roots in the very child-friendly 'Hannah Montana'

FILM | "Hannah Montana: The Movie" just shouldn't be analyzed from an adult perspective — which, frankly, is irrelevant.

The big-screen version of the Disney TV series is not made for us — it's made for girls ages 6 to 14 and no one else — and so we must consider how they're going to respond to it.

Now, this will come as no surprise at all: They're gonna love it.

### 'HANNAH MONTANA'

- **DIRECTOR:** Peter Chelsom
- **STARS:** Miley Cyrus, Billy Ray Cyrus, Peter Gunn
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** Hannah goes back to her hometown and is forced to ponder whether she's a big-city starlet or a country gal.
- **FOR FANS OF:** Any of the "High School Musical" movies

And it makes sense, really.

If you were a 10-year-old girl, you would, of course, want to be small-town sweetheart Miley Stewart and/or her secret pop-star alter ego, Hannah Montana. Singer/songwriter/dancer/trendsetter Miley Cyrus makes both characters so attractively accessible it's hard not to be charmed.

Nevertheless, "Hannah Montana: The Movie" drags us all back to the fictional Crowley Corners to bang us over the head with the message that big cities are bad and small towns are good. And there's plenty of down-home singin' and cuttin' up to emphasize that point. (Amazingly, Taylor Swift and Ras-



An indignant Miley Stewart/Hannah Montana (Miley Cyrus) storms down a country road with her hot pink luggage set.

cal Flatts just happen to live there, too. What are the odds?!

The predictable (though beautifully photographed) film from director Peter Chelsom finds Miley's dad, Robby Ray (Cyrus' real-life father, Billy Ray), taking her home against her will to reconnect with her roots.

Back home, Miley bonds with Grandma Ruby (longtime character actress Margo Martindale, who's done far more interesting work) and finds her first boyfriend, Travis (Lucas Till), a nonthreaten-

**The movie version is not made for adults — it's made for girls ages 6 to 14 and no one else.**

ing farmhand she's known since childhood. Hoedowns and horseback riding ensue.

But the idyll can't last forever: A British tabloid reporter (Peter Gunn) has followed her there, trying to dig up some dirt

on Hannah.

But the reporter's portly presence also brings an unwelcome tone of sitcommy physical humor. Gunn's obnoxious Oswald Granger is in pain, skidding on a scattered pile of walnuts or tumbling face-first into a puddle of mud.

"Hannah Montana" didn't need all that, given the warmhearted family tone and the catchiness of the pop tunes. You may end up trying to master the elaborate choreography right alongside your 10-year-old. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

## nightlife agenda



Bajofondo is at the 9:30 Club Saturday.

### FRIDAY

The National Cherry Blossom Festival wraps up with fireworks on Saturday evening, but the cool kids will be bidding it farewell tonight with food, drinks, music, art, anime films, poetry and dance at Cherry Blast in Anacostia. A joint project between the Pink Line Project and festival organizers is filling **WAREHOUSE SPACE** with electronic music, anime movies selected by the D.C. Anime Club, food from the On the Fly carts and much more.

### SATURDAY

Bajofondo's appearance at the **9:30 CLUB** provides you with a perfect opportunity to get in touch with some global sounds. The South American collective — members of the octet hail from Argentina and Uruguay — manages to combine Latin rhythms, tango and all varieties of chilled-out electronic music. Founder Gustavo Santaolalla helped popularize rock 'n' roll in Argentina nearly four decades ago.

D.C. keeps developing intriguing young female soul stars, and the world outside the Beltway is finally taking notice. Alison Carney is one of those working her way up the ladder, and she's often seen rocking with drummer-producer Jon Laine and vocalist Bilal Salaam. You can catch her at **POSH** Saturday night with Laine and a band. It's a supper club-style situation with a \$20 drink minimum, so make it a dinner-and-a-show date night.

**ACTRESS Blast From the Past** She's been MIA, but Brittany Murphy is back. The actress will appear in "The Expendables," Sylvester Stallone's forthcoming action flick. The pic — which counts Stallone, Jason Statham, Mickey Rourke, Jet Li, Dolph Lundgren and Randy Couture among its cast — follows a team of mercenaries who head to South America on a mission to overthrow a dictator. Murphy will play Rourke's girlfriend, a singer. The part calls for her to perform a musical number. (EXPRESS)



Check out an extended version of "Nightlife Agenda" each Thursday at [washingtonpost.com/gog](http://washingtonpost.com/gog)



now playing

**ADVENTURELAND** (R, 104 minutes) In its own gentle way, the film restores a welcome note of humanism to a genre that has lately become little more than a repository for fart-and-vomit jokes. Jesse Eisenberg plays James Brennan, a recent college graduate whose plans for a European vacation before starting grad school are foiled when his family suffers an economic setback. James is forced to live at home and get a job at the local amusement park. There he meets an eclectic group of lost and striving souls, including a thwarted rock musician (Ryan Reynolds) and a sultry, mysterious girl named Em (Kristen Stewart), with whom he furtively falls in love. Thanks to an exceptionally deft touch, director Greg Mottola manages to capture the absurdity and anguish of young adulthood. (AH)

**CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC** (PG, 112 minutes) Is Rebecca Bloomwood the embodiment of irresponsible consumerism? Absolutely, which makes the timing of the film either genius or fatal, but two things weigh in its favor: One is Isla Fisher; the other is that the film is oblivious to its own gravitas. JOHN ANDERSON

**DUPLICITY** (PG-13, 125 minutes) Tony Gilroy's romantic espionage caper pits two pharmaceutical companies against each other. Burkett & Randle, led by Howard Tully (Tom Wilkinson), has discovered a cream that will revolutionize the industry. Equikrom, led by Richard Garsik (Paul Giamatti) needs to steal the secret to that lotion. And there's romance, of sorts. Behind the scenes, Claire Stenwick (Julia Roberts) and Ray Koval (Clive Owen) work their nefarious magic, he on Equikrom's side, she on Burkett & Randle's. But are they both really working for each other? And can they really trust each other? Luckily, Owen and Roberts both get to play off Giamatti, who overacts gleefully. It's smart, it's for grown-ups, and it lets Julia Roberts laugh, if just once. DAN KOIS

**FAST & FURIOUS** (PG-13, 105 minutes) This film refires the high-speed adrenaline and the fuel-injected bromance between Vin Diesel and Paul Walker that began in 2001's "The Fast and the Furious." The reunion is fun and frantic, like the original on double nitro. Gone is the young-boy

# Seth Rogen: Mall Cop

The barely watchable 'Observe and Report' is a less-appropriate version of 'Paul Blart'

FILM | The most charitable thing we can say about the otherwise insufferable "Observe and Report" is that it shows Seth Rogen has some range.

He's not just the self-deprecating cutup, the stoner teddy bear we've come to know and love in movies such as "Knocked Up," "Superbad" and "Pineapple Express." Apparently, he also has some pent-up rage in him, which he unleashes in spectacularly wild fashion as the head of security at a suburban shopping center.

(Don't call him a mall cop, although the superficial similarities to the PG-rated Paul Blart are unmistakable.)

Like Blart, Rogen's Ronnie Barnhardt takes his job far too seriously, but he's forced to spring into actual action when a flasher starts antagonizing the shoppers — and, more importantly, blond bimbo Brandi (Anna Faris), the cosmetics clerk after whom he's long lusted. But there's little about



**BIG BUMMER:** The generally reliable Seth Rogen has misstepped in signing on to "Observe and Report." Except that he proves he can play a detestable character.

Ronnie that makes you root for him to succeed personally or professionally; writer-director Jody Hill has created yet another singularly unlikable character, as he did in his debut last summer, "The Foot Fist Way."

On the one hand, you have

to admire Hill for just going for it, for recklessly abandoning all semblance of what would be considered tasteful or appropriate in a comedy for mainstream audiences. Unlike Danny McBride's "Foot Fist" character, delusional tae kwon do instructor Fred Sim-

mons, Ronnie has does have some vulnerability to him, which shows in a few scenes with his alcoholic mother (Celia Weston), but those are played for awkward laughs.

Hill's script is just as erratic: a series of hit-and-miss non sequiturs in which his characters

**'OBSERVE AND REPORT'**  
→ **DIRECTOR:** Jody Hill  
→ **STARS:** Seth Rogen, Anna Faris  
→ **IN A NUTSHELL:** A mall security guard takes his job way too seriously, lusts after a blond bimbo, makes lackluster jokes and bursts into unpredictable rages.  
→ **FOR FANS OF:** "Mall Rats," "Paul Blart: Mall Cop"

mostly humiliate and injure themselves and others. It's not terribly offensive (though women may be put off by the way Ronnie's date with Brandi ends); it's more like an onslaught — one that seems to drag on.

Come to think of it, "Observe and Report" is like a mall itself in many ways: It has a bunch of random stuff under one roof, and you can hang out in it for only so long before growing depressed. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



Diana Garcia and Edgar Flores in Cary Joji Fukunaga's drama "Sin Nombre."

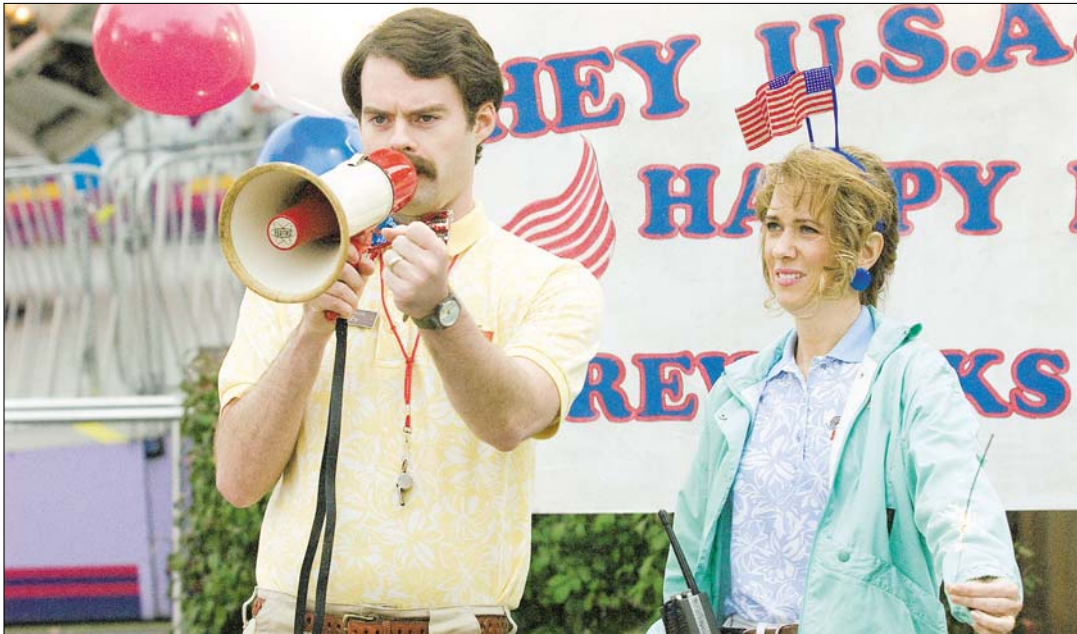
innocence of the first, in which guys (and gals) cheated death at high velocity like towheaded surfer dudes. Now it's all about kill-or-be-killed screeching, shooting and colliding at the Mexican border, with FBI SWAT teams and helicopters in frantic pursuit. Bromance-wise, there's some bad blood between Dominic (Diesel) and Brian (Walker) to clear up: all that 2001 business about Brian's being an undercover cop and not telling Dom or his sister (Brian's love interest, Jordana Brewster). But it's nothing a dangerous mission to bust a Mexican crime lord can't solve. (DT)

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT** (PG-13, 92 minutes) Solid acting and handsomely realized effects depicting ghostly visions and visitations make this a chilling occult tale: There are flashbacks

of someone preparing to snip the eyelids off a body, and of seances in which ghostly ectoplasm spews from a live person's mouth. Virginia Madsen plays Sara, whose teenage son, Matt (Kyle Gallner), has a life-threatening illness. She moves the family to an old house near the hospital where Matt is treated. He immediately starts seeing dead people and worse in the house, and becomes detached and obsessed. A cleric (Elias Koteas) helps Matt reveal the secret behind the haunting. The narrative is repetitive but still effective. (JH)

**HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU** (PG-13, 132 minutes) As the protagonists rehearse the movie's core philosophical questions, they wind up making a text of the subtext that lies just under the surface of most



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**LOVELY COUPLE:** Bill Hader and Kristen Wiig play bizarre husband-wife amusement park owners in "Adventureland."

romantic comedies: romantic complaint. Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin) throws herself headlong into every relationship she's in. Janine (Jennifer Connolly) has a husband, Ben (Bradley Cooper), who is distant when they talk about what color to paint a room, while Beth (Jennifer Aniston) has a boyfriend, Neil (Ben Affleck), who refuses to get married. It's the movie equivalent of a quick mani-pedi, with pleasures that go just about as deep and last just about as long. (AH)

**HUNGER** (Unrated, 92 minutes) Nominally, the feature debut of director Steve McQueen is about IRA activist Bobby Sands, who in 1981 died in Belfast's notorious Maze prison. But the film doesn't hew to conventional storytelling. Instead McQueen plunges viewers into the unspeakably harsh and violent world of the Maze in a series of scenes of shocking filth and spasmodic violence. (AH)

**I LOVE YOU, MAN** (R, 105 minutes) Paul Rudd is a phone book actor, meaning he's just one of those guys who could stand there and read a phone book and we'd laugh. Just watch him in the first few scenes of his most recent role, when his character, Peter Klaven, listens in on a raunchy conference call between his fiancée, Zooe (Rashida Jones), and her best girlfriends. Or listen as he makes up fake guy-talk when he goes on a first man-date with Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), the shambling Lost Boy who Peter befriends. Only Rudd could mine comic gold from standing there and saying things like "joben" and "totes magotes." It's a thin premise,

one that features the usual quota of jokes involving masturbation, projectile vomiting and flatulence. But is it worth it? Thanks to Rudd and Segel (and some terrific cameos), totes magotes. (AH)

**KNOWING** (PG-13, 110 minutes) John Koestler (Nicolas Cage), comes across a 50-year-old list of numbers that somehow seems to have predicted — down to the precise date and location — every major disaster of the last half-century, plus a few that haven't happened yet. His problems — alcohol abuse, the recent death of his wife — make him sound unhinged when he tries to warn people of the coming apocalypse. Yes, the film is creepy, at least for the first two-thirds or so, in a moderately satisfying, if predictable, way. But the narrative corner into which this movie, directed by Alex Proyas ("I, Robot"), paints itself is a simultaneously silly and morbidly depressing one. Well before the film neared its by turns dismal and ditzy conclusion, I found myself knowing — yet hardly able to believe — what was about to happen. (MO)

**THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT** (R, 109 minutes) A smashmouth introduction to this

remake of Wes Craven's 1972 film establishes Krug (creepy Garret Dillahunt from TV's "Deadwood") as the leader of a group of psychos on the lam: brother Giles, girlfriend Sadie and son Justin. At the other end of the social spectrum is the Collingwood family: father John, an ER doctor, mother Emma and daughter Mari. They're on vacation at their lake house. Mari and her friend Paige run into Justin, who says he has some excellent marijuana.

Paige persuades a reluctant Mari to drive them to his place for a little fun. That decision eventually brings the two families together. This version makes significant changes to the original plot, changes that water down the central idea, rendering it more palatable for mainstream audiences. **MIKE MAYO MONSTERS VS. ALIENS** (PG, 94 minutes) This super-duper, 3-D, big-screen, Imax-deluxe extravaganza has bells and whistles, superb technical sophistication, dazzling visual effects, sound, fury and Reese Witherspoon. What it doesn't have is heart. Even children appreciate a good story, and that's precisely what's missing in this film, which is nominally about a bunch of government-sponsored monsters that do battle with an evil alien squid craving world domination. That's plot, not a story.

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And too often, it's about things, not characters. One exception is B.O.B., a forgetful blue gelatinous blob that, as voiced by Seth Rogen, not only elicits but earns his laughs. As for the rest of the movie, it will

recede into your own B.O.B.-like memory bank, dissolve quickly and disappear forever. (AH)

**RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN** (PG, 98 minutes) Screenwriters Matt Lopez and Mark Bomback have retooled the Alexander Key novel that provided fodder for the original 1975 film, creating a vehicle for Dwayne Johnson. Johnson is a sly delight here, playing an ex-con

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named Jack Bruno, who has traded in his NASCAR dreams to drive a cab in Las Vegas. Between trundling sci-fi geeks to a UFO convention, Jack picks up a pair of very anxious blond tweens named Seth (Alexander Ludwig) and Sara (AnnaSophia Robb). Once Seth halts a pursuing SUV with his breastplate and Sara levitates Jack's tip change, it becomes clear that Jack is dealing with two strays from outer space who have crash-landed in the desert. With government agents hot on his trail, Jack endeavors to spirit his young charges back to their ship. Johnson (the wrestler formerly known as "the Rock") lifts the script above its conventional cat-

series of huge stunts. Cena plays Danny Fisher, a New Orleans police detective who has earned the enmity of a vile international dealer named Miles (Aidan Gillen). Somehow out of prison, Miles blows up Danny's house, then abducts his girlfriend, Molly (Ashley Scott), and sets up 12 Herculean tasks for Danny to complete or Molly will die. Each involves putting innocents at risk, sometimes fatally: an out-of-control trolley car, a free-falling freight elevator, a safe-deposit box with a bomb in it. Danny butts heads with the FBI agent (Steve Harris) who wants Miles, too. (JH)

**WATCHMEN** (R, 163 minutes) The film, like the 1986 graphic novel by Alan Moore and

**STRONG OF WILL:** Michael Fassbender stars as Bobby Sands in "Hunger," the true-life story of an IRA member who died in 1981 after a lengthy hunger strike.

and-mouse stratagems with his buoyant wiseacre timing. JAN STUART

**SIN NOMBRE** (R, 96 minutes) In the careful, confident hands of California-born, NYU-schooled director Cary Joji Fukunaga, this film is an elegant, heartbreaking fable, equal parts Shakespearean tragedy, neo-western and mob movie but without the pretension of those genres. Fukunaga, who also wrote the script, has made one of the most memorable directorial debuts in recent history, deftly weaving two stories of desperation. DAN ZAK

**12 ROUNDS** (PG-13, 108 minutes) WWE wrestling star John Cena is an affable, boulderlike presence in this undistinguished crime thriller, built around a

Dave Gibbons, follows the tormented daily lives of a ragtag band of retired superheroes caught up in a plot to save the Earth, and themselves, from the machinations of a self-appointed savior of mankind, who may not have mankind's best interests at heart. The movie exposes the glaring problem with the original material: The dialogue stinks. But when it marches in lockstep with the tedious plot, the only watch that matters in "Watchmen" is the one on your wrist. (PK)

REVIEWS BY THE WASHINGTON POST'S ANN HORNADAY, JANE HORWITZ, PHILIP KENNICOTT, MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN, AND DESSON THOMSON. FOR MORE CAPSULES AND REVIEWS OF THESE AND OTHER FILMS, SEE [WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT](http://WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT)



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## For a Mature Audience

## 'Friday Night Lights' is ambitious, adult and all about teens

**FINALE** | The school year and the third season come to a close on "Friday Night Lights" (9 p.m., NBC), the wonderful, documentary-style series with a small but committed audience.

"Lights" remains one of the handful of series dedicated to the idea that ordinary life can be the stuff of powerful drama and that there are great things at stake in everyday events. It's one of the few dramas that does not revolve around the supernatural, crime, police procedures, mortuary techniques, sex between interns or murder.

Tonight's "Lights" was obviously completed before the decision by NBC and Direct TV to renew the



Landry and Tyra dance together on the third-season finale of "Friday Night Lights."

series for another two seasons, so it has the air of a possible finale about it. Many of the series regulars are going off to college, and coach Taylor (Kyle Chandler) finds his job in jeopardy.

We find ourselves at a wedding reception by episode's end, a casual party captured in fits and starts

by handheld cameras. The band is less than stellar and not everybody even looks like they're having a good time. It's one beautiful scene and a reminder that "Lights" remains one of the most cinematic, ambitious and just plain grown-up series on television. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

## weekend lineup

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**PATTON 360** (9 p.m., History, Fri.) offers military history buffs a 10-episode series dedicated to the World War II battles of Gen. George S. Patton, one of the most colorful and controversial leaders of the war.

## WE'LL CALL IT 'LOVE/HATE'

Diane Sawyer hosts a special report on **20/20** (10 p.m., ABC, Fri.), "If I Only Had a Gun," a look at our society's unique relationship with firearms.

## THE GLOVES ARE ON

No grudge match in sports compares to that between boxers Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, who fought three bouts between 1971 and 1975. The first was the most anticipated event in sports history. And the last, the subject of the documentary **THRILLA IN MANILA** (8 p.m., HBO, Sat.), is thought



Joe Frazier in the HBO documentary "Thrilla in Manila," airing Saturday.

of as the greatest fight ever.

## TWEENS, STAY UP LATE!

Zac Efron hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guests Yeah Yeah Yeahs.

## DELIGHTFUL VISITOR

CCH Pounder guest-stars on **NO. 1**

**LADIES DETECTIVE AGENCY** (8 p.m.,

HBO, Sun.).

## CORNLY JOKES, FUNNY ADS

Mike O'Malley hosts **WORLD'S FUNNIEST OFFICE COMMERCIALS** (8 p.m., TBS, Sun.).

## WAY UP NORTH

Alaska Week will combine original programming with variations on regular Discovery shows. So, Sunday's **DIRTY JOBS** (9 p.m., Discovery, Sun.) has host Mike Rowe travel to Big Lake to work at a kennel where they train Huskies. **BEAR ATTACK!** (10 p.m.) follows with a story about three victims in the space of six weeks.

## EFFORT TO BE NORMAL

Walt returns to work on **BREAKING BAD** (10 p.m., AMC, Sun.).

## SKETCH COMEDIAN

Tracey Ullman's **STATE OF THE UNION** (10 p.m., Showtime) enters its second season. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



**POSTAGE Mmm, Stamps** "Simpsons" fans can now get a peek at the upcoming stamps featuring Homer, Marge and company. The U.S. Postal Service unveiled the designs Thursday morning. The stamps will be available nationwide on May 7. "This is the biggest and most adhesive honor 'The Simpsons' has ever received," said creator Matt Groening.

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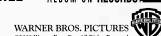
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## 3 The Internationals

Balkan folk is a genre that has yet to take off here in the U.S. But that hasn't stopped singer-songwriter Zachary Francis Condon and his band, Beirut, from winning over audiences with their exotic sound. B.A.

→ Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; Sat., 8 p.m., sold out; 202-408-3100. (Gallery Place)

## 2 Lady's Got Luck

Those of you with your indie street cred cards tucked safely in your back pocket already know about Maria Taylor. This heartbreakingly beautiful songbird was one-half of Azure Ray and has been making music since she was 15.



Taylor has collaborated with Saddle Creek's reigning prodigy, Conor Oberst, and Moby and Crooked Fingers. Now, you can catch her brand of dreamy pop at the Rock and Roll Hotel along with the Whisptown 2000 and Laura Burhenn. N.O.

→ Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; Fri., 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12; 202-388-7625.

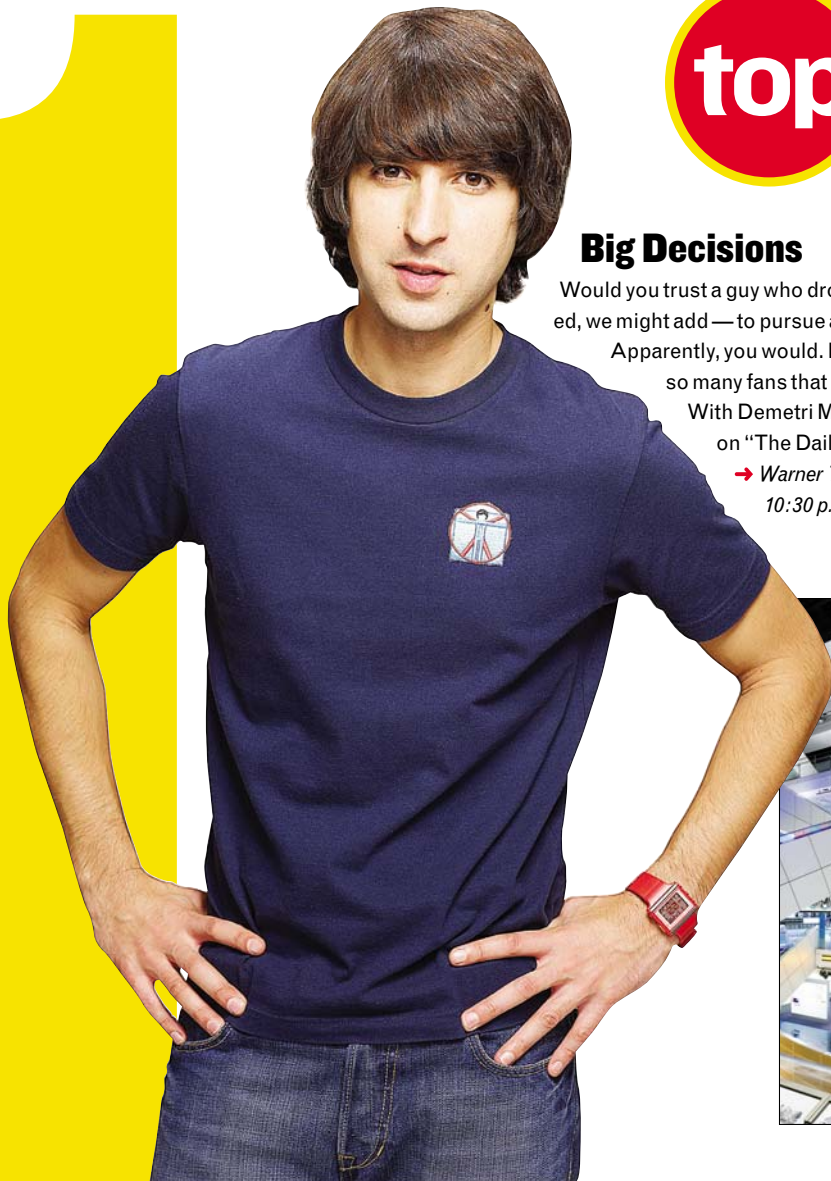
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## Big Decisions

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Apparently, you would. Demetri Martin's musical stand-up comedy has garnered so many fans that Comedy Central's given him a show: "Important Things With Demetri Martin." Before that, this multit talented funnyman appeared on "The Daily Show" and "Flight of the Conchords." B.A.

→ Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Sat., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., \$30; 202-783-4000. (Metro Center)



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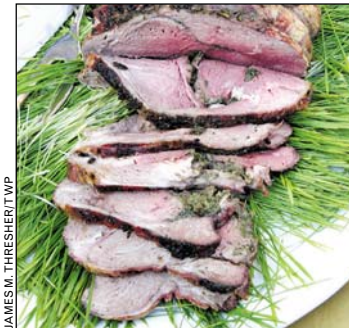
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**4** Newseum will be celebrating its first anniversary in its D.C. home — and, as usual, the First Amendment — this

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→ Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., \$20 adults; 888-639-7386. (Archives)

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## Eat Lamb, Drink And Be Greek

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As with, well, an embarrassing percentage of D.C.'s fine dining, Jose Andres is the culinary force that made Zaytinya the scene staple that it is — but it's chef Mike Isabella who is behind this menu. It's clear that we have here a man obsessed — obsessed with lamb.

On April 12 (aka the other Easter), Isabella kicks things off with a lamb roast at the Dupont farmers market. During the weeks that follow, roasted lamb will be served on Zaytinya's patio at lunch — if your office is nearby, you know what to do.

Nightly selections include but are not limited to: crispy lamb sweetbreads, lamb stew, lamb tongue, whole spring lamb, rack of lamb and roasted leg of lamb. Care for a beverage with your platters upon platters of lamb? Zaytinya pairs up with Dionysis Imports on April 22 for a Chef's Wine Dinner, and will also be offering two cocktails designed exclusively for the festival.

KARMAH ELMUSA (EXPRESS)



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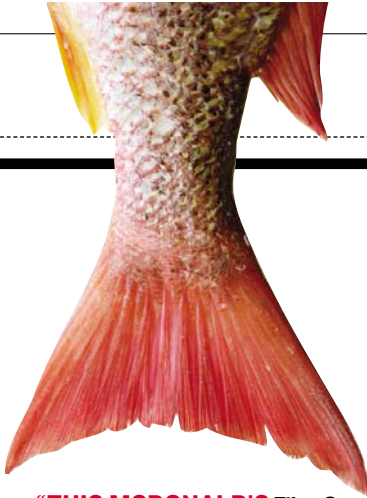
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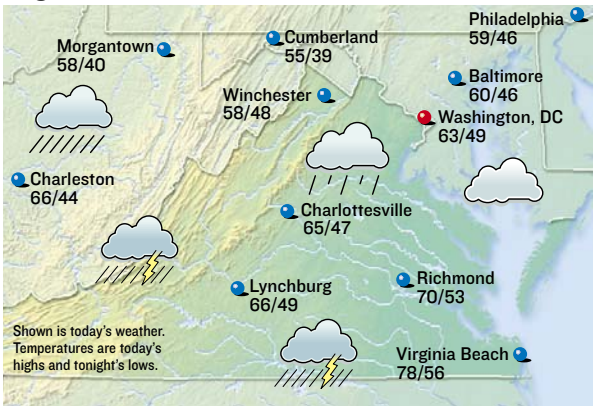
"HOW DOES A HAPPY couple move on after an unspeakable loss? Is that even possible? Everything that once was now isn't, and what was par for the course isn't anymore."

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy, a shower	Cloudy, few thunderstorms	Mostly cloudy, morning rain	Partly sunny, breezy	Increasingly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, chance rain
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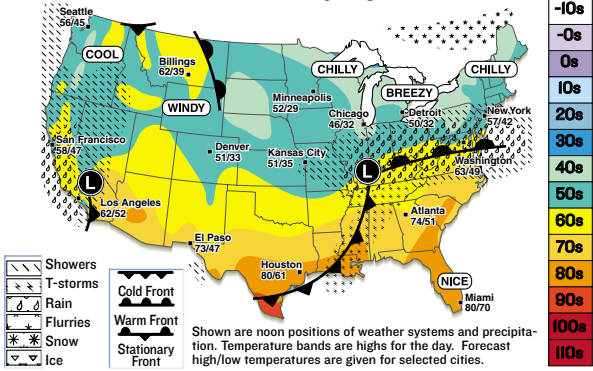
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National Weather for Friday, April 10



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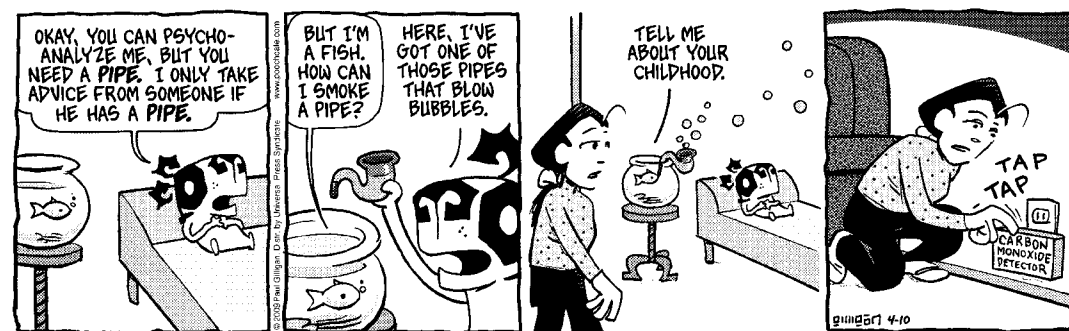
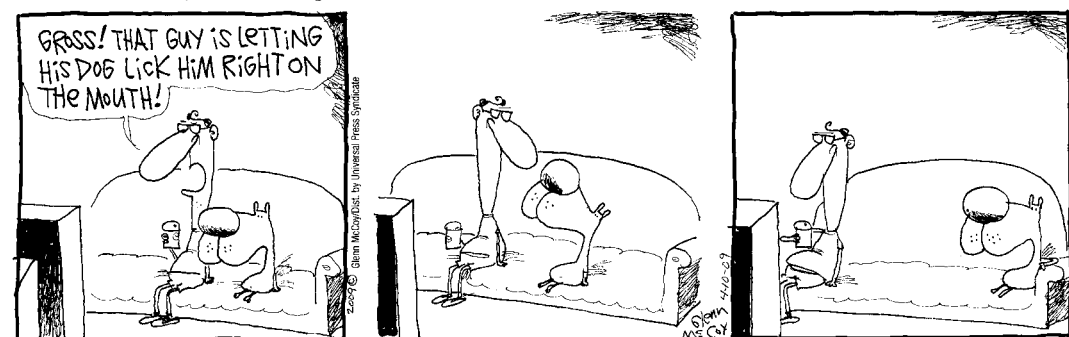
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Boston	57/40/pc	48/33/r
Chicago	46/32/r	50/31/s
Dallas	70/48/s	67/53/pc
Denver	51/33/pc	52/33/sh
Honolulu	80/68/sh	80/69/sh
Los Angeles	62/52/t	66/52/pc
Miami	80/70/s	84/71/pc
New York City	57/42/r	52/38/r
Orlando	84/64/pc	86/64/pc
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Geneva	68/46/sh	67/50/c
Moscow	37/23/pc	41/28/pc
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Sydney	73/61/pc	73/62/c
Tokyo	73/55/s	68/52/pc

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By Stella Wilder

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You don't want others to think you don't have what it takes, but you must use caution when entering an unfamiliar arena.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You may be widely admired on the whole, but there are those who may have nothing but criticism to offer. Have they a good reason?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You're in the mood for an adventure, but you may not know exactly what kind or where. Let fate take a hand — for now.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Things in and around the home are about to change, at least for the time being. You're going to have to make a few personal adjustments.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You may have trouble expressing yourself as fully as you might wish, but there are those who will take even the slightest hints.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Now is no time to let someone else gain the advantage through underhanded means. Don't let anyone walk over you; be ready to fight.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You may misinterpret a message early in the day, and risk progress and accomplishment as a result. A friend steers you clear.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You're not usually one to underestimate your abilities or sell yourself short — but confidence may be in short supply, temporarily.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You're not about to be intimidated by one who is all bark and no bite. Bide your time, then swing into action when the odds are with you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You can afford to be a little more accommodating to those around you. Stubbornness isn't going to get you far at this time.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Others could learn a thing or two from you, especially when it comes to generosity and doing right by others.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You have a great many responsibilities that may demand immediate attention. You'll have to put certain personal desires on hold.

**Today in History**

**1866** The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is incorporated.

**1912** The Titanic sets sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

**1972** The United States and the Soviet Union join about 70 nations in signing an agreement banning biological warfare.

**1998** The Northern Ireland peace talks conclude as negotiators reach a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks.

**1999** The Miami Heat beats the Chicago Bulls, 82-49, the lowest point total since the introduction of the shot clock.

**2004** The White House declassifies and releases a document sent to President George W. Bush before the Sept. 11 attacks that cites recent intelligence



Phoenix's Piestewa Peak was named for Army Spc. Lori Piestewa in 2008.

of a possible al-Qaeda plot to strike inside the United States.

**2008** The U.S. Board on Geographic Names officially renames Squaw Peak in Phoenix Piestewa Peak, in honor of Army Spc. Lori Piestewa, who was killed in Iraq in 2003.



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BUSINESS  
Jay-Z Excited to Have No Hands-On Involvement

JAY-Z has signed a deal with a fragrance company, E! Online reported. Rihanna and Kanye West scents are to come in 2010. "We are excited for the opportunity to partner with Parlux and their management team in the launch of these dynamic new brands," Jay-Z said. (EXPRESS)

SIDE-SPLITTERS  
Woman's Pathological Need for Youth Hilarious

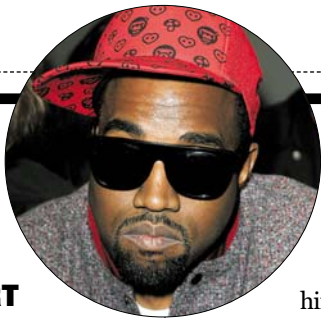
Comedy Central will roast JOAN RIVERS. The 75-year-old, raspy-voiced comedian will be held up for slaughter in a special taped July 26 in Los Angeles. It will air on the network on Aug. 9. Rivers has never been shy about her plastic surgeries — something that's sure to be the subject of jokes. (AP)

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BRILLIANCY  
Critics Laud Salad Selection

Golden Globe-winning "Mad Men" star JON HAMM is making himself available for lunch in Los Angeles to the winning bidder on eBay. The online auction benefits the Adrienne Shelly Foundation, which supports the artistic achievements of female filmmakers with scholarships and grants. The auction is scheduled to end April 16. (AP)



SECRET MESSAGE  
CAPS LOCK KEY BROKEN. PLEASE CALL TECH SUPPORT

"South Park" may have accomplished the impossible — getting KANYE WEST to check his ego. The Comedy Central show skewered the famously self-important rapper on its show Wednesday night. West responded Thursday on his blog at Kanyeuniversecity

.com/blog, saying the show was funny, but that it also hurt his feelings and has helped him realize that maybe he needs to stop saying how great he is. Said West in his typical all-caps mode: "I JUST WANT TO BE A DOPER PERSON WHICH STARTS WITH ME NOT ALWAYS TELLING PEOPLE HOW DOPE I THINK I AM." (AP)

YOU LIVE HERE  
D.C. Affirms Katie's Value As Cultural Commodity

KATIE HOLMES is headed back to the stage, this time for the annual Memorial Day weekend concert in Washington, D.C. Holmes and actor Gary Sinise are among the stars confirmed for the event, set for May 24. (AP)



"Hello? This is Katie Holmes. Is this D.C.? Can I speak to the cherry blossoms?"



It's not a tracheostomy speaker valve. It's just a mic at a really weird angle.

INHALANTS  
Airbrushed Ab Makeup Claims Hidden Victims

BRITNEY SPEARS is apologizing to fans after smoky conditions at a concert in Vancouver, British Columbia, led to a 30-minute delay in her show. Spears' publicist issued a statement apologizing to fans, explaining that "crew members above the stage became ill due to a ventilation issue." Her father and attorneys are exploring the possibility of expanding the tour. (AP)

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